GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:53
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FINANCIAL ASSISTNCE FOR POLIO ERADICATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan has agreed to give assistance to India to eradicate Polio from the country;

(b) if so, the details of the amount likely to be provided;

(c) the number of States which will be benefited by the said assistance;

(d) the time by which the said assistance will be received and the programme implemented;

(e) the details of funds allocated by the Government for eradication of Polio during 2006-07 along with the number of eradication campaigns likely to be launched during the year;

(f) whether the World Health Organisation has also provided assitance in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 53 FOR 26TH JULY, 2006

(a) to d) The Government of Japan has been supporting the Polio Eradication Campaign in India since 1996. This year, the Government of Japan has agreed to provide a grant assistance of Rs. 19 Crore (456 million yen) for the Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization (IPPI) campaign to eradicate poliomyelitis from India. The grant will be utilized for procurement of vaccine through UNICEF to be used during the Pulse Polio rounds for the State of West Bengal and the North Eastern States. The cumulative grant amount provided by Government of Japan including current year is Rs. 300 Crore (7.4 billion yen). The grant is paid directly to the UNICEF accounts of UNICEF-Copenhagen, for procurement of Oral polio vaccine.

(e) Government of India has allocated Rs 1049 crores (Plan) for eradication of Polio during 2006-07 to carryout four National Immunization days and four sub National immunization days in the country in 2006-07.

(f) & (g) WHO provides technical assistance to the Government to eradicate polio from the country through the National Polio Surveillance Project. However, no financial assistance is being given by the WHO towards polio eradication programme.